



General Assembly

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**Substitute Bill No. 6572**

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**AN ACT REQUIRING A PAIN MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL IN NURSING HOMES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) Each nursing home, as  
2       defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, shall establish and  
3       implement a pain management protocol for the benefit of residents.  
4       The protocol shall be consistent with regulations adopted pursuant to  
5       subsection (b) of this section.

6       (b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in  
7       accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish a pain  
8       management protocol for use in nursing homes. In adopting such  
9       regulations, the commissioner shall consider the (1) standards for the  
10      assessment and management of pain adopted by the Joint Commission  
11      on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, and (2) pain  
12      management directive adopted by the Veterans Health Administration  
13      within the federal Department of Veterans Affairs. The Department of  
14      Public Health, when conducting an inspection of a nursing home as  
15      required by section 19a-493 of the general statutes shall include in the  
16      inspection report the level of compliance by such nursing home with  
17      the pain management protocol established and implemented in  
18      accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
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*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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